

EDITORIAL

The Raffles Bulletin of Zoology had an productive year for 2009—18 papers in 57(1) and 23 papers in this issue, 57(2). This is a total of 41 papers published in the two regular issues of the Bulletin and an additional 15 in the second crustacean supplement, which was published on 31 July 2009. We are also expecting to publish perhaps three more supplements this year, including a checklist of world decapod genera.

Our Associate Editor for Crustacea, Dr. Tohru Naruse, has left the National University of Singapore (NUS) for a faculty position at the University of Ryukyus. Although he is now no longer in Singapore, he has kindly agreed to continue serving as an Associate Editor for crustacean manuscripts. We also take this opportunity to welcome a new Associate Board member, Dr. Tran Anh Duc, from the Hanoi University of Science, Hanoi, Vietnam. Dr. Tran is a recent graduate of NUS and specialises in aquatic Heteroptera taxonomy (for example, see Polhemus et al., 2009, and Zettel & Tran, 2009).

Research into the history of the Bulletin has revealed that several volumes had publication dates inconsistent with the publisher's dates as printed on the wrapper(s) of the Bulletin. This has pushed back the dates of publications of several volumes (by a year) and brought forward by a year the date of publication of one volume. The volumes relevant to brachyuran taxonomy have been dealt with in a paper in the second crustacean supplement (Low et al., 2009a). A more detailed and complete review of this issue will be published in an upcoming supplement of the Bulletin (Low et al., 2009b).

Low et al. (2009a) also surveyed all brachyuran papers published by the Bulletin and found the RBZ has been publishing an average of 3.5 new species of crabs over a period of eight decades, since the Bulletin's inception in 1928. This is no mean feat and is an indication of the hard work and effort by authors, the Editorial Board and staff.

These same qualities and quantities of hard work have seen the RBZ's impact factor rise to 0.800 in 2008, up from 0.648 in 2007. We to authors and the Editorial Board their effort and look forward to even greater things in 2010!

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